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And now what is Sweden going to do about that little matter of being made a German dupe?

Everybody is glad to know that ex-President Taft is back on the job of making us better citizens.

Vermont's quota of the national army is nearly certified by the district board. How many states can show as good a record?

Germany says her airmen's attack on hospitals was all a mistake—yes, a mistake that they did not kill more wounded soldiers, no doubt.

Randolph is said to have a "healthy carrier" of typhoid fever, and the most healthy part of him is that he is anxious to get rid of the thing.

Premier Kerensky may be the nominal commander of the Russian armies, but he probably leaves the actual planning of military campaigns to military men.

That recent coal conference in Burlington performed the service of determining that Vermont as a whole needs a great deal more coal, both hard and soft; but perhaps a conference wasn't really necessary to determine that fact.

The New York Sun's timely plea to spare the deer by saving the female of the species does not apply to Vermont, where the law protects the female, but it should be taken home by every hunter in states where indiscriminate killing is permitted. It will be one form of conservation of food which hunters can follow without hardship.

Congressional forces are rapidly falling into line in the general movement to prepare the country for the shock of war, the House giving the latest demonstration by passing by unanimous vote the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill, designed to aid the dependents of the men who enter the service of the country during the war. At least three votes may be expected against the measure when it comes before the Senate for final action, but the foreknowledge is bound to discount the importance of the opposition.

The Italian forces must be in better condition than the Austrians to continue the battle for San Gabriele and other strongholds on the Isonzo front because Italy as a nation is not nearly as much exhausted by the war as her enemy, while at the same time Italy has the distinct advantage of having the resources of the United States, not to speak of Great Britain, back of it. If the Italian forces under General Cadorna continue their pressure on this sector they are bound to succeed despite the fact that the Austrians, being on the defensive and behind their tremendously strong breastworks, have the advantage in the immediate fighting. The latest reports from that battle front state that the attack is being maintained by General Cadorna, which is distinctly encouraging to the entente allies and their friends.

Official denial is made that dynamite has been discovered near the national cantonment at Ayer, the claim being made that some sticks of dynamite stored by a building contractor were removed from their storage place because the place was too near an army remount station. The denial carries more weight than the original story; in fact, the original story was a somewhat light and flimsy affair. Just why any plotters should carry sticks of dynamite to a point near some building they desired to blow up and should leave it there to be detected promptly is not apparent. Plotters to blow up a building would not do a nefarious job by piecemeal; they would carry the dynamite to the selected place and set it off without waiting to have their plans foiled. The "dynamite plot" at Ayer must have been the product of a vivid imagination constructed on the single truth of the removal from one storage place to another.

## AMERICAN ARTILLERYMEN IN FRANCE

Announcement, permitted to percolate through the censorship, to the effect that United States artillerymen have arrived in Europe and have already been going through a course of training under supervision of French experts in the use of ordnance gives color to the belief that the American forces are about ready to take their places in the front line along with the French, the British and the Belgians. Artillery is, of course, necessary to back up the infantry; and it is probable that the American infantry must depend upon American artillery inasmuch as the men and the big guns of our allies will be needed back of the infantry sections of those same allies. The infantrymen sent from the United States many weeks ago must by this time be in fairly good shape and as ready to enter the conflict as they ever will be, and now they are only awaiting the time when the artillery support of their own country will

be equally as well prepared to back them up. Under the tutelage of French instructors the American gunners should improve rapidly in the use of the great guns, such as are required to pulverize the heavy defenses built up by the Germans, for the French gunners are notoriously well advanced in their line of work. The people of the United States have confidence in the mental adaptability of their representatives abroad and expect them to take full advantage of the instruction offered them. Therefore, we anticipate that before many official reports have come and gone we shall hear of successful bombardments and drumfires by gunners of the United States forces.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Those Poor Citizens of Ayer.

We do not understand that the establishment of the encampment at Ayer has or will entail any great burden upon the town while, on the other hand, it will bring money into the place for a time. When the war is over Ayer will retain the real estate and the memories connected with the camp.

Just now Ayer is booming as if gold-bearing quartz had been discovered within its borders and the inhabitants are not all of the type which Massachusetts had in Revolutionary days if one may judge from the following letter printed yesterday in the Springfield Republican: "As the wife of an army officer I should like to tell how the patriotic people of the little town of Ayer are 'doing their bit.' There is a house for rent there, just an ordinary large-sized house, and the price of it is \$1000 a month—without furniture, without servants, without supplies of any kind, one thousand dollars! To be sure, there are others, common frame structures, with no heating facilities other than chimneys, ranging anywhere from \$500 down to the modest sum of \$200 a month.

"It seems that these prominent Get-Rich-Quick Wallingfords, with their truly sharklike instincts, fail to recognize that from the financial point of view the moderate incomes of most army officers could not stand that strain, and, what is more important, from the point of view of self-respect, they would not. "But it all goes to show that right here in our fine old New England, when the country so much needs unselfishness and fair play, the vultures of greed are flapping their wings and growing fat—or trying to—through the necessities of those who are cheerfully sacrificing self to the call of the government."

Has Massachusetts any military emergency commission with power to deal with an emergency like this?—Hartford Courant.

## Conscripts in Service.

Nobody could be sure how this great experiment in civilization in the United States would turn out when it was proposed. Some despaired, many were dependent, almost everybody had grave doubts. The matter was put to the test. The elements were placed in the crucible by the alchemist, who was to make gold out of such inferior metals as a mixed population, general slackness in respect for any law infringing on personal convenience, widespread ignorance and lively prejudice against doing any disagreeable work. The population, the law and the appeal to the nation were placed over the fire of public opinion in a free country.

A month after Congress passed the conscription law registration day came and passed, and its record was made. Three months from that registration day all over the country 5 per cent of the American army is in camp. By the 10th of this month 35 per cent will be added to the number, and the American people, who for years have not considered the possibility of doing any duty which interfered with their personal business or pleasure, will have responded automatically to the call of the president, and out of the chaotic individuality of civil life a body of young men 275,000 strong—40 per cent of the first draft of 687,000—are in camp, many of them far from completely raw material?

And how did they go? Sullenly, and driven by force? How did our 2,000 boys go down to Yaphank? Cheering and laughing and crying out that they were glad to be on their way. Truly, on their way to a better life, a higher purpose, a finer destiny than many of them have ever dreamed of. Driven only by their own spirit, encouraged by a unanimous public opinion, cheered away by their mothers and sisters, whose eyes glistened as they waved smiling farewells. The conscripts are in camp.—New York Evening Sun.

## Maine Is "Anti."

A few years ago it seemed altogether likely that Maine would not only be the first state in this part of the union to give full suffrage to women, but that it would do it as soon as the issue was submitted to the voters. That likelihood was based in general on the peculiar political conditions within the state—having in mind always the prohibition problem—and in particular the tendency of the state to reach out for new forms of political machinery. For Maine is not the conservative state that some recent correspondents and commentators have made it out to be. Not only was it the pioneer in the prohibition movement, but it was the first state east of Oregon to adopt the initiative and referendum. Maine marched early and enthusiastically into the Bull Moose camp. It was one of the first to adopt the direct primary, and it has been famed for radical labor legislation. To be sure, it is very sick of the direct primary, and the initiative and referendum has been commonly invoked only in petty and local matters or else in a way that has made

it a boomerang for those who urged and obtained its adoption.

It is a mistake to call Maine conservative, but, undeniably, things have changed in the last few years, and before Monday's special election shrewd observers were as sure that suffrage would be overwhelmingly defeated as they were confident a few years ago that it would win a victory at the first test there. All sorts of local explanations are being made—ranging from Miss Rankin and the White House picketers to tactless blunders of suffrage workers and certain injudicious and even intemperate newspaper support—but the simple truth of it is that Maine voted as the men of nearly every state have voted which has faced this issue at the polls in the past four years, such as Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Ohio, Nebraska, both Dakotas, and other states. The only other state to vote on the issue this year is New York in December, and no doubt it will reaffirm its adverse verdict of two years ago. For the present, equal suffrage advocates in the East must be content with the entering wedges that they have won in the way of legislative victories.—Boston Herald.

REBUILDING VILLAGES  
IN DEVASTATED FRANCEAmerican Red Cross Has Adopted the  
Motto of "Housing Follows  
the Plow."

Washington, Sept. 14.—The following cable from Major Grayson, M. P. Murphy, head of the Red Cross commission to France, has been received by the Red Cross council:

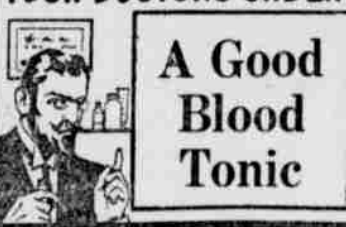
"The bureau of reconstruction of civil affairs of the American Red Cross in France has a new motto: 'Housing Follows the Plow.' "In view of the overshadowing importance of augmenting in every possible way the food supply, the Red Cross will carry on its first work of reconstruction in those portions of the devastated areas which are selected by the government as the best wheat growing regions, and to which the French government sends its batteries of tractors for plowing by wholesale. Representatives of three divisions of the American Red Cross in France—planning, engineering and civil affairs—returned recently from a study of conditions in the devastated areas, having selected three villages in which provisional reconstruction work will be begun within a fortnight.

"Fifty villages were visited. In some, the destruction of buildings was complete. In others, a portion of the buildings can be repaired. Nearly all the houses are without roofs, without windows and door frames, and with absolutely no furniture or utensils.

"The Red Cross plans to do provisional reconstruction of dwellings in several of these villages, and also, as the refugees return to the villages, to assist in their economic and social rehabilitation. In the light of experience gained in these villages, it plans to undertake provisional reconstruction on a large scale. In these particular villages, the total population before the war was 3,387. Now it is 235.

"The villages first selected are those in the best wheat growing area, and the government will plow the land with tractors. The repair of the houses will permit the return of the refugees who can do much toward getting the land sown to wheat this autumn. In order to encroach as little as possible on the limited supply of lumber, the Red Cross is selecting villages in which the work will be largely that of provisional repair rather than of new construction. It plans to make on the spot its own brick and lime."

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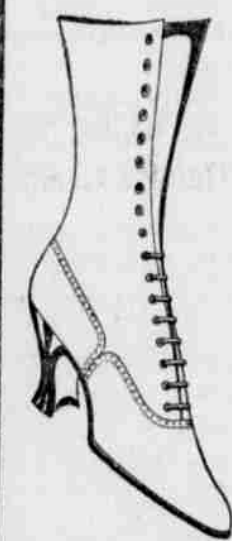
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